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NOTICE

The World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings are April 11-13, 2014

The Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund - World Bank Group will occur between April 11 and April 13 in Washington, DC. The Escort Officers will be assisting multiple dignitaries in particular at Washington, DC, Metro area airports and other airports around the country. The Escort Officers will be busier than normal and will not be able to remain with each VIP until the flight takes off and may EVEN be leaving the dignitary and party, once they are behind security.

The sheer number of approved departures on any given day during and just following this event makes it imperative that the Escort Officers have a valid contact number for all listed POCs. In addition, we request that the POC/VIP adhere to the Escort Officer's recommendation of when to arrive and where to meet at the airport, to assure a successful departure experience.

<u>Please note</u>, we are instituting a new policy in response to an on-going issue. Should the Escort Officer not be able to reach the POC/VIP within 24 hours of the departure, the VIP will be at risk of cancellation of the approved courtesies.